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Applicant : Alf SIEBKE, et al.  
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Examiner : Devon C. Kramer  
Docket No. : 037068.53199US  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Spring Loaded Cylinder

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated September 13, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Figure 1. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 17, 19, 20 and 22 are readable thereon. Of those, claims 1, 2, 17, 19, 20 and 21 are generic.

Additionally, Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment to correct a clerical error in the dependency of claims 23 and 24.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

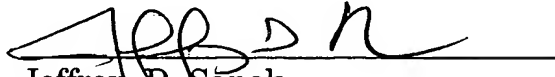
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Respectfully submitted,

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